



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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**Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans;
Illinois; Small Container Exemption from VOC Coating Rules**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to the receipt of an adverse comment, EPA is withdrawing the April 16, 2012, direct final rule approving a revision to the Illinois State Implementation plan (SIP).. EPA will address the comment in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed rulemaking action, also published on April 16, 2012. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 77 FR 22497 on April 16, 2012, is withdrawn as of [insert date of publication in the Federal Register].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is withdrawing the April 16, 2012 (77 FR 22497), direct final rule approving a revision to the

Illinois SIP that added a "small container exemption" for pleasure craft surface coating operations in the Chicago and Metro-East St. Louis 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas. In the direct final rule, EPA stated that if adverse comments were received by May 16, 2012, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. On April 16, 2012, EPA received a comment, which it interprets as adverse and, therefore, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule. EPA will address the comment in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed rulemaking action, also published on April 16, 2012 (77 FR 22550). EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

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Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Volatile organic compounds.

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Accordingly, the amendment to 40 CFR 52.720 published in the Federal Register on April 16, 2012 (77 FR 22497) on page 22500 is withdrawn as of **[insert date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

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